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Effective January 3, 2000 the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit will adopt the electronic access user fee structure approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States as noted by the attached Administrative Order.

At a later date, we will provide further information on the fees imposed, how to set up an account number for assessment of fees, how to pay the fees and how to request fee exemptions.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE

FIFTH CIRCUIT

IN THE MATTER OF THE COLLECTION OF FEES

FOR ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO COURT DATA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The Judicial Conference of the United States has approved an amendment to the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule for courts of appeals determining that a fee be collected for the electronic dissemination of court information. This court previously entered two Administrative Orders, on January 17, 1995 and May 1, 1997 respectively, exempting all classes and persons from paying the referenced electronic system access fee.

Those orders are hereby rescinded.

The costs to obtain court information electronically have reduced drastically since the advent of the billing access fee, whether it is for the EDOS PACER dial-up system or through Internet connection. Additionally, the historical basis for exempting all classes and persons has changed sufficiently to encourage the creation of a new practice for the Fifth Circuit.

In keeping with the direction of the Judicial Conference of the United States exemption will continue for persons and classes who fall into the following groups: indigents; bankruptcy case trustees; not-for-profit organizations; voluntary ADR neutrals; other federal judicial entities, including Federal Public Defenders and United States Attorneys; Attorneys General of the states within the Fifth Circuit; and those for whom an application of fee waiver is approved by the court, or clerk by designation.

The court will also continue to provide generic and logistical information at no cost such as: local rules; court forms; courts hours; court locations; telephone listings; news items; court calendars; and opinions designated by the court for publication.

THEREFORE, effective January 3, 2000 the court adopts the electronic access user fee structure as approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States, until further order of the court.

Entered October 7, 1999

FOR THE COURT:

Carolyn Dineen King
Chief Judge